

PACIFIC MAIL VESSELS SOLD AND WILL GO TO ATLANTIC

Steamers Manchuria, Mongolia, Korea, Siberia and China Disposed Of To Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia

PURCHASING CONCERN WAS WITHOUT CRAFT

Possibility of 'Dummy' Deal With View To Returning Ships To Oriental Run If Seaman's Act Is Repealed By Congress

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, August 13.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has sold the steamers Manchuria, Mongolia, Korea, Siberia and China to the Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia.

The terms of the sale are not mentioned and the officials refuse to discuss them.

The last sailing of the Pacific Mail from San Francisco will be the Mongolia, leaving here August 25.

TRANSFER POSSIBLY MAY BE 'BLIND'

The Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia, as the despatch takes care to specify, is not the same as the better known Atlantic Transport Company of Transatlantic route. The latter company operates the well known freighters Minnehaha, Minnewaska, Minnetonka and Minneapolis, all vessels of between 13,000 and 14,000 odd tons, all flying the British flag, and all plying between New York and London.

The Pacific Mail line, and the British Atlantic Transport line were the first to popularize on the Atlantic the type of steamship so familiar here—a sturdy, steady freighter of moderate speed, carrying a triple tier of cabins amidships for first class passengers. On account of their comparative slowness, they charged reduced rates for accommodations equal to the swifter ocean greyhounds and nearly always have had all the passenger business they could handle.

Company Without Ships
This line, however, has not acquired the Pacific Mail fleet. The Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia was the owner in 1912 of two small vessels, both American built, the Memphis and the Mobile, which were engaged in the coastwise trade.

Apparently the company did not find it profitable to operate them, for the following year they were sold, one to a German company, the other to a Norwegian company, which rechristened them.

There the official information available in the standard works of reference ceases; the rest is inference and conjecture. The books do not show that between the time the Mobile and Memphis were sold and yesterday the Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia owned any vessels. Evidently, however, it did not die legally, or it could not have bobbed up again yesterday as a purchaser of a fleet worth millions.

Rejuvenated For Purpose

Steamship companies on the Atlantic Coast have shown a fondness for incorporating under the laws of West Virginia, New Jersey and Maine, although the capital usually was New York capital, because the charters granted by those states were more liberal than those procurable elsewhere. What seems probable, therefore, is that the Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia was acquired quietly by interests which have kept their identity successfully hidden, and then rejuvenated by the injection of new capital, especially for the purpose of buying in the Pacific Mail fleet.

It is not impossible at all that the resourceful R. F. Schwerin, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail, might have had a hand in the reorganization.

Pacific Mail Could Control

In that case, the interests which control the Pacific Mail still could retain control of their ships, under the title of a different corporate name, and place them in the Atlantic service, where there is now a great scarcity of carriers and the freight rates are the highest they have ever been in the history of the world.

It should not be forgotten that there is a movement on foot to repeal the Seamen's Act, which has made it impossible for the Pacific Mail to remain on the Pacific, and that rumors have been heard that the vessels were to be transferred to the Atlantic.

Should the Act be repealed, the company would then be in a position to bring its ships back to the Pacific or keep them in the more profitable Atlantic trade, as it preferred.

Britain Paves Way To Laying Ban On Cotton

With This Product Cut Off Germany Cannot Make Torpedoes and Bombs

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, August 14.—In a formal interview published today Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, makes statements which are generally interpreted to preface the intention of the government at an early date to declare cotton contraband of war.

The step has been urged with insistence by Lord Northcliffe's group of newspapers, as well as by many influential scientists and chemists, who contend that if Germany is cut off from cotton, she will be unable to manufacture gun cotton for her torpedoes and bombs.

Should England decide to declare cotton contraband, says Lord Robert, the government will consider itself to be justified, both from the standpoint of British and international law. "I hope," he continues, "America will not act impatiently. She may rest assured that the Allies will give every consideration to the legitimate interests of neutrals."

HONOLULU AGENTS NOT YET NOTIFIED

H. Hackfeld & Co., agents for the Pacific Mail, did not receive any advices yesterday as to the sale of the five ships, but word is expected today. F. W. Kiehn, secretary of H. Hackfeld & Co., announced changes in the schedule, received by mail yesterday morning.

The Korea will sail from San Francisco, September 22, and will not call here. Beyond Yokohama and home-ward she will follow the former schedule, which did not include a call here. She was due to sail from San Francisco, September 18, so that her schedule has been moved back four days. This voyage would have put her here September 24. When she arrives here August 31 from the Orient for San Francisco, Honolulu will bid her farewell.

The other change is that the sailing of the Siberia from San Francisco, scheduled for September 25, has been moved back four days, to September 29, but she will call here on this voyage, arriving October 5 instead of October 1. There is now no reason to suppose that the Korea, due August 31; the Siberia, due September 7; the China, due September 21, and the Manchuria, due September 28, all from the Orient, will not call here.

Other Ships Will Call
They will have to get home from the Orient, of course, and no cutting of schedules they could make on these voyages would help them to get in more ships from San Francisco before the Seamen's law becomes effective, as the Mongolia was the only one of the steamers that could succeed in that. Therefore until this part of the schedule is changed formally, it is expected that these calls will be made.

The Manchuria, due here September 28, from the Orient, remains the last ship from that direction, and the Manchuria, due October 25, from San Francisco, remains the last ship from that direction, except for the Persia, which will continue sailing, so far as known now, until January 25, when she will arrive from the Orient. The Persia is a British steamer, and is not affected by the Seamen's Act until March 4, provided the treaties with other nations are abrogated, which does not appear at all probable. The Nile, serving as a British transport, also is British.

What disposition will be made of the Persia and Nile is unknown. They are not at all such ships as the five others, especially the Big Four—the Manchuria, Mongolia, Siberia and Korea—which are a credit to any port.

Panama Fleet May Be Sold
Neither is there anything to show what will become of the Panama fleet of the Pacific Mail, which has been overlooked in most of the talk concerning the suspension of sailings. It does not affect Hawaii at all, of course. An officer of the Manchuria, here a week ago, said he believed that the Panama ships would be sold, as well as the Trans-Pacific carriers, since the crews are Mexican and, therefore, cheap as compared with Americans, and they might have trouble in coming under the shipping requirement.

Ships like the Manchuria and Mongolia, Korea and Siberia, have been our one big touch with the rest of the country; they have put us on the map in shipping circles," said a well known shipping man yesterday. "They were known over the world, and Honolulu was known as a port of call for them. Their railroad connections were a big advantage in keeping us in touch commercially with the whole United States. Now they are gone, and I certainly hate to see them go."

Except for the Persia, there will remain only six steamers under the American flag between Honolulu and San Francisco—seven when the Sierra resumes her run. They are the four Matson ships and the two of the Oceanic line besides the Sierra. Should the Sierra be placed on the Sydney run, as appears certain, sailings then would be one each week by the Matson boats, in each direction, and three each two months by the Oceanic steamers in each direction. Australian sailings of that line now are monthly, as are those of the Canadian-Australasian line between Vancouver and Sydney.

It is certain that the offices of the Matson and Oceanic lines in San Francisco are considering the situation, since they have had ample warning of what the Pacific Mail contemplated, and the move may hasten the contemplated coming of the Great Northern or Northern Pacific, but there is nothing definite as to these points now.

PRESIDENT GIVES CHIEF JUSTICESHIP TO MR. ROBERTSON

Judicial Ability and Personal Integrity Retain Incumbent in Highest Tribunal

MATTHEWMAN AND PARSONS ALSO WILL BE RETURNED

Washington Upsets Plot of Local Bourbon Push To Grab Rich Plums

Chief Justice A. G. M. Robertson of the Supreme Court of Hawaii was reappointed by the President yesterday and instructed by Attorney-General Gregory to qualify under the new appointment immediately.

"There will be no ceremony in connection with my qualifying under the new appointment the President, on the recommendation of the attorney-general, has honored me with," said Chief Justice Robertson to The Advertiser yesterday. "All I have to do is to take the oath of office."

Further than this the chief justice declined to speak for publication. "The Advertiser may say for you that you are pleased with your reappointment, may it?" "Well, yes, it may do so," the chief justice said, with a smile. **Matthewman Next**
The Advertiser is able to announce the source of its information being authoritative, that Judge John A. Matthewman of the third circuit court, West Hawaii, will be reappointed shortly by the President, and that in all probabilities Judge Charles F. Parsons of the fourth circuit court, East Hawaii, also will be reappointed. It was freely predicted here yesterday, in view of the break in the deadlock which has existed in the department of justice at Washington over appointments to the judiciary in Hawaii, that Judge William L. Whitney, second judge of the first circuit court, Honolulu, yet stood a chance for reappointment. The fact that he was once requested by the attorney-general to continue until the department was ready to act seems to indicate to his friends such a desirable contingency.

Politics and Judiciary Divorced
Letters received by a lifelong Democrat of Honolulu direct from the highest sources at Washington give assurance that Judge Matthewman will be reappointed. A number of prominent local Democrats who have the best interests of Hawaii at heart united in making a personal plea to President Wilson. They advanced the argument that the President could do more for the party by recognition of sterling worth, integrity and judicial ability of those judges who have well served the public, than by appointing candidates whose only qualification is that they are members of the none too fragrant local Democratic machine.

News Hailed By City
Among professional men, business men and citizen generally there was much gratification shown when the contents of a Washington cablegram to The Advertiser was made known, announcing the reappointment of Chief Justice Robertson. The Advertiser cable, posted on its bulletin board, was brief. It read:

"Robertson reappointed chief justice. The message from Attorney-General Gregory to the chief justice read: 'Your commission as chief justice signed this morning. You can qualify immediately under new appointment if desired.'"

It was stated on the best of authority yesterday that the motives behind the appointment of Chief Justice Robertson by the President, on the recommendation of the attorney-general, were the chief justice's high standing as a man and a judge, and that the appointment was non-political in the fullest possible degree.

Some of the Comments
Many of the comments yesterday were interesting. It was pointed out that the appointment came on Friday, the thirteenth of the month, which was a good omen for the Pan-Haitian Democrats and Jeff McCann, and that it also presaged the loss of standing in Washington of a number of local political operators.

One citizen remarked that at last he was convinced some good could come out of Washington. Another said that the authorities had got wind that J. Lightfoot was on his way to Washington and decided to take the bull by the horns and act before he could arrive.

Chief Justice Robertson was congratulated by many of the judges of the different courts, by lawyers and citizens of all stations in life. Prominent Democrats, who believe politics should be entirely divorced from the judiciary, were foremost among those who either called or telephoned to the chief justice and extended their congratulations and best wishes.

Bar Association Wins
The chief justice's reappointment was hailed as a victory for the Bar Association of Hawaii, practically every member of which had gone on record as favorable to Judge Robertson's reappointment.

The support of practically every member of the bar," said Attorney-General Stambaugh yesterday. "Beyond any question at all he was the best man for the place."

It was learned from another source that the territorial attorney general

HON. A. G. M. ROBERTSON
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Hawaii, Who Was Reappointed Yesterday by President Wilson



had months ago highly endorsed Judge Robertson's reappointment.

Stainback For Robertson
While it was currently reported that Mr. Stainback was a candidate for the chief justiceship, it is now known that were he such it would have no chance in case there was absolutely no chance of Judge Robertson's reappointment. In this event, Mr. Stainback is said to have had almost the solid support of the members of the bar association.

Yesterday's appointment changes entirely the aspect of what had been claimed was the plan of the attorney-general of the United States to reorganize the entire judiciary of the Territory. Jeff McCann, who his friends were positive would become chief justice, will remain district attorney for a while, at any rate, and J. Lightfoot, who was to succeed him, will have to be slated for some other billet.

Reorganization Busted
The latest information that Judge Matthewman will be reappointed; that the reappointment of Judge Parsons is almost certain; and that there is a likelihood of Judge Whitney remaining on the bench, upsets the calculations of the local Democratic machine, better known as the "Pan-Haitian bunch." Judge Edging will almost certainly remain in Honolulu, in which case J. Wesley Thompson will continue as assistant district attorney of the United States. Now that Washington has broken the ice with yesterday's appointment, additional appointments are expected at almost any time and the judicial hiatus which has blocked the courts of Hawaii for almost two years now appears to have come to a close.

HAITIAN PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN OFFICE

He Expresses To Admiral Caperton Faith In Disinterestedness of America

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, August 14.—President Dartigoune, the newly elected executive of the Republic of Haiti, took the oath of office yesterday.

In a statement addressed to Rear Admiral Caperton he expressed his faith in the disinterestedness of the United States in its occupation of the Haitian ports and his appreciation of the assistance rendered by the American troops in restoring order in the Republic.

"It is due to the agency of the American forces alone that the election has just been held free from the least effort to intimidate any member of the senate," declares the new President. Admiral Caperton has established a new military rule at Cape Haitien, Haiti. There have been no more uprisings either by the Bobo or Seamen factions. Commander Olmsted is in charge of the shore forces.

TWENTY PERSONS HURT IN RIOT OF TEAMSTERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ST. LOUIS, August 14.—Twenty persons were injured here yesterday in a riot between striking teamsters and the police. Five hundred strikers stoned the drivers of the United States mail wagons. Attempts to make arrests were unsuccessful.

ZEPPELINS AGAIN RAID ENGLISH COAST TOWNS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, August 14.—Zeppelin dirigibles made their sixteenth raid on English East coast towns early today. Counting the raid yesterday, in which six persons were killed, and twenty-three wounded by bombs, the casualties from Zeppelin raids since the war began have been 756 persons killed and 175 injured.

SURVIVOR OF AIRSHIP TUMBLE MAY NOT DIE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PORT SILL, Oklahoma, August 13.—Lieutenant Sutton, who was injured in the airship accident which cost the life of Captain Knox yesterday, is not seriously injured. He had a minor case of concussion from the fall of five hundred feet. The funeral of Captain Knox was held today with full military honors.

PRESIDENT WILSON PLANS CONFERENCES

Will Discuss National Defense With Army and Navy Secretaries Next Week

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, August 13.—President Wilson made it known today that next week he will enter into a series of important conferences with Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels upon the question of national defense.

He will not pass upon war or navy department estimates until he has conferred with the chairman of the appropriate congressional committees. Secretary Daniels said today: "The people of the United States, particularly those inland, seem to have concluded that we should largely increase our submarines and naval aeroplanes."

He says that while attention must be paid to popular sentiment, more and stronger dreadnoughts must also be asked of Congress. "If we cannot make them invulnerable, we want to find out how to prevent torpedoes from sinking them," he comments. It is announced that the first general meeting of the new inventors' advisory board, headed by Thomas A. Edison, will be held in September.

SLAYER OF WIVES DIES ON GALLOWS

Murderer of Three Women To Secure Life Insurance Expriates His Crimes

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, August 13.—George Joseph Smith, convicted last month of triple murder, after one of the most sensational of recent criminal trials, was yesterday executed by hanging at Maidstone Jail.

Smith was found guilty of drowning Beattie Mundy in her bath tub, after she had married him and insured her life in his favor, but it was shown at the trial that he had previously murdered two other women who had married him and that he had gone through the marriage ceremony with at least two more, whom he had robbed and deserted.

Smith was arrested less than two months ago. His trial lasted nine days. The jury was out twenty minutes and sentence of death was passed on July 10.

LATEST FRYE NOTE HAS REACHED BERLIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, August 14.—The American note accepting Germany's offer to pay damages for the sinking of the American ship Wm. P. Frye, and proposing the appointment of two commissioners, one from each nation, to determine the amount of the damages, but reiterating the American contention that the destruction of the vessel was a violation of the Treaty of 1828 with Prussia, has been received here by Ambassador Gerard. It will be transmitted to the German foreign office today.

UNDER STRICT CONTROL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
COPENHAGEN, August 14.—Public meetings are reported to have been forbidden by the German military governor of Russian Poland, and communication with the enemies of Germany has been decreed punishable by death. All civilians have been forbidden to carry arms. Shops must close at eight o'clock and theaters at nine.

FUNERAL OF FITCH HELD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—Funeral services were held here today for the late George Hamilton Fitch, news editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, who died Tuesday in Berkeley of appendicitis.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

This remedy has no superior as a cure for colds, croup and whooping cough. It has been a favorite with the mothers of young children for almost forty years.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can be used in any form of cold, croup, whooping cough, or even as a preventive of these ailments. For sale by all dealers. Pension, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

Balkan Problem Has Reduced To Firm Deadlock

Greece Seems Willing To Yield To Bulgaria But Serbia Is Stubborn

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, August 14.—The concerted diplomatic pressure of all the Allies, England, France, Russia and Italy, in being exerted upon Serbia in an effort to persuade her to yield to the demands of Bulgaria for territorial concessions, as the price of an attack on Constantinople from the rear. The confusing Balkan problem has finally settled down to a simple but stubborn deadlock. Bulgaria demands the portions of Macedonia which she won in the first Balkan war with Turkey, but which her allies, Greece and Serbia, took away from her in the second Balkan war over the division of the spoils. Greece shows signs of willingness to come into camp if Serbia will yield, but the latest information is that Serbia continues obstinate, in spite of the pecuniary compensation offered by the powers of the Entente.

RUMANIA LIFTS EMBARGO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BUCHAREST, Rumania, August 14.—The government removed today its embargo on the exportation of grain, peas, beans, lentils, and crude petroleum, provided that the export duties are paid in gold. Gasoline is kept on the forbidden list. A hungry market for all these commodities exists in Austria.

TEXAS RANGERS READY FOR DUTY

They Concentrate Fully Equipped In Austin En Route To Mexican Border

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AUSTIN, Texas, August 14.—A full quota of Texas rangers, equipped with a thousand rounds of ammunition to each man, has been concentrated here, on its way to the Mexican border. Capt. Ransom Harlingen is in command. The next step for the preservation of order will be to call out the national guard.

Advices from the border are that though the situation there continues tense, armed conflicts are diminishing in frequency.

Carranza's junta at Galveston gives out the news that the commanders of the First Chief have occupied the towns of Santa Fe, Ajuero, San Nicolas and Contreras, formerly held by Villa. From the same sources comes the assertion that food prices in Mexico City are falling rapidly and that free distributions of provisions are being made there daily.

SIX MORE VESSELS SUNK BY GERMANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, August 13.—The British steamers Jacana, Osprey and Summerfield and the Norwegian steamer Aura have been sunk by submarines. The engineer, mate and mate's wife of those aboard the Summerfield were drowned in the sinking of the vessel.

The crew of the Swedish steamer Kiruna abandoned the vessel, which ran ashore at Mucklenkerries. The trawlers Trush and Humphrey have been sunk. The Trush's crew was in open boats for three days.

BROKERS SEEK TO CANCEL EXPORT GRAIN CONTRACTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, August 14.—Seaboard exporters are mystified by the attempt of a powerful clique of grain brokers to cancel export contracts for the delivery of two million bushels to the Allies. James A. Patten, the big Chicago operator, says the attempt indicates either that the Allies have found a new avenue to the great Russian granaries or are unable to meet their contracts with the required cash.

AUSTRIAN WASP IS SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, August 14.—It is officially announced that the Austrian submarine U-3 was sunk Wednesday in the lower Adriatic. The second officer and eleven of the crew were made prisoners. The remainder drowned.

RUSSIA HAS INCOME TAX

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, August 14.—The Duma approved today a graduated income tax, imposing a levy of \$3.33 on every \$500 of private income.

TEUTONS MOUNT MOTARS WHICH COMMAND TOWN TO KOVNO CITY

Elaborate Preparations and Costly Attacks Undertaken By von Hindenburg Show Importance Attached To Operations

TOWN IS JUNCTION OF THREE MAIN RAILWAYS

Von Mackensen in South, Ploughing Through Swamps of Bug, Is Hammering Right Flank Of Russians Into Confusion

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ONION, August 14.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, by a series of attacks, the cost and magnitude of which indicates the importance the German general staff attaches to his operations, succeeded yesterday in seizing command of positions which dominate the fortress of Kovno.

The Germans encountered extremely stubborn resistance, to subdue which they were compelled to sacrifice large numbers of men; and formidable natural difficulties, which they conquered in turn by industry and organized effort.

Teutons Build New Roads

The roads were bad and they built new ones, firm enough to support their ponderous motor lorries. Heavy siege artillery was necessary if the fortifications of Kovno were to be reduced by anything else tedious than siege warfare. So, having built rock paved highways, they constructed concrete foundation pits in which to mount their master motars. Once the big Berthas began to thunder, Kovno became untenable. Civilians are evacuating it now and its abandonment by the Russian forces is looked for at an early moment.

Kovno Important Base

Kovno occupies a strategic position of great importance. It commands the junction of three railway lines. One runs northwest to the Russian port of Liban, which the Germans now hold. A spur of this line turns northward to Riga, for which the Germans are striving, but from which von Hindenburg's cavalry was repulsed. Another runs almost due west to the important German naval base of Koenigsberg. The third is the main trunk line from Warsaw to Petrograd, running through Vilna and Dvinsk, both of which the Germans are menacing.

Russians Fight Gently

Late official despatches from Petrograd assert that a desperate attempt to hold Kovno is still being made and that the German infantry rushes have been repulsed except at one point, where a furious artillery battle is in progress. Nevertheless, British military critics consider it unlikely that the Russian commanders will be able to hold the Brest-Litovsk line.

On the whole, the German drive northeast and west of Warsaw is continuing successfully. South of Riga they are progressing slowly.

Slavs Jammed Together

Vienna reports in official despatches that the southern jaw of the great Austro-German vise is also shutting down tighter and tighter. Austrian headquarters announces that the forces of the Teutonic Allies are delivering severe blows against the southern flank of the retreating Russians, which has been dented so deeply that the Russians are being jammed together, disturbing a retirement which they are doggedly fighting to make as orderly as possible.

The distinguished gallantry of the famous Prussian guard in the swamps of the Bug is said to aid notably in accelerating the advance of von Mackensen's command.

NO BIDS OFFERED FOR KONA HOMESTEAD ROAD

At the opening of tenders for the construction of the homestead road in Olohe Moano, Kona, Hawaii, yesterday the superintendent of public works found no bids had been offered. New calls for tenders will probably be advertised shortly. For furnishing sand for the new territorial prison at Kailua, this city, the following bids were offered: The Honolulu Construction & Draying Co., two bids and sixteen cents, and John H. Wilson, two dollars and nine cents. The superintendent has not decided to whom the contract will be awarded.